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1. SENATOR DE CONCINI INTERESTED.
2. LOOK MODELING AGENCY IS LISTED IN PARIS TELEPHONE
DIRECTORY AT REFTEL ADDRESS. EMBASSY COMMERCIAL SECTION
HAS NO INFORMATION ON AGENCY BUT IS REQUESTING CREDIT
CHECK. WILL REPORT RESULTS ASAP.

3. EMBASSY EMPLOYEE CALLED AGENCY AS FRENCH FRIEND
INQUIRING ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN INTERESTED IN
MODELING IN FRANCE. AGENCY STAFF MEMBER SAID THAT MR.
CUENANT VISITS UNITED STATES EVERY TWO MONTHS OR SO TO
INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE MODELS. BASIC REQUIREMENTS SEEM TO
BE THAT CANDIDATE BE BETWEEN 17 AND 22 YEARS OF AGE AND
HAVE HEIGHT OF 1.73 METERS. IF CANDIDATE ACCEPTS, LOOK
AGENCY PAYS TRAVEL EXPENSES AND IS REIMBURSED FROM
SALARY. STAFF MEMBER SAID LOOK AGENCY HAS WORKING
RELATIONSHIP WITH FORD AGENCY IN USA.

4. LOOK STAFFER ALSO SAID NO WORK PERMIT REQUIRED FOR
THEIR MODELS. WE CHECKED WITH LABOR MINISTRY OFFICER
WHO STATED THAT MODELS (MANNEQUINS) ARE CONSIDERED AS
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SALARIED PERSONS AND THAT FOREIGN MODELS MUST ARRIVE IN
FRANCE DOCUMENTED FOR EMPLOYMENT. THIS CONFIRMED BY
PREFECTURE OF POLICE OFFICIAL WHO SAID "NORMAL REGIME"
APPLIES TO MODELS, I.E., FOREIGN MODEL SHOULD ARRIVE IN
FRANCE WITH "LONG SEJOUR" VISA FOR EMPLOYMENT.

5. ABOVE INDICATES THAT LOOK AGENCY MAY BE ILLEGALLY

USING FOREIGNERS AS MODELS OR EVADING WORK PERMIT (AND
SOCIAL SECURITY) REQUIREMENTS BY SENDING MODELS OUT OF
COUNTRY EVERY THREE MONTHS TO RETURN AGAIN FOR ANOTHER
THREE-MONTH TOURIST STAY. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THERE IS
CERTAIN TOLERANCE BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES FOR THIS
PRACTICE, BUT WE RECOMMEND THAT CONSTITUENT'S DAUGHTER
BE ADVISED TO OBTAIN VISA BEFORE DEPARTING FOR FRANCE.
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